(b) if so, the number of such cylinders seized in the State during the last two years; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check such corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) 1366 fake cylinders were detected in Gujarat during 1992-93 and 1993-94.

(c) Field Officers of the Oil Companies keep a watch on the circulation of spurious cylinders in the system. Raids are conducted on suspected premises. Whenever spurious cylinders are detected by the Oil Marketing Companies, they are immediately destroyed. When such cylinders are detected from the LPG agencies/ transporters, they are issued caution/ warning letters and a penalty of Rs. 1500 per spurious cylinder is levied.

Granting of LPG distributorship in Gujarat

177. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified any new places for LPG distributorship in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details with locations thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed agencies are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Sixtyfive (65) LPG distributorships for various locations in Gujarat have been included in the current LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94, Selection of distributors for the locations included in the Marketing Plan is in progress through the Oil Selection Board. It takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of a distributorship from the date of advertisement. LPG Marketing Plan for 1994-95 has not been finalised.

Joint venture of GAIL and British Gas

178. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Gas and the Gas Authority of India Ltd. have set up a new company to bring natural gas to Bombay;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the said proposal had already been approved by the Central Government; and

(d) the areas identified to market the natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Government have approved the proposed Jont Venture of GAIL and British Gas to implement the Bombay City Gas Distribution Project. The Joint Venture Company is yet to be formed. The Project envisages the supply of nautraj gas to about six lakh households, commercial institutions and industrial units in and around Bombay.

Quota for allotment of LPG agencies during the Eighth Five Year Plan

179. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quota fixed for allotment of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel agencies/ outlets in each State during the Eighth Five Year Plan;; and

(b) the number of such outlets and agencies proposed during the eighth Plan and the locations thereof; separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no

iota petrol|diesel retail outlets and PG distributorships for each State planise. These are opened in different Sta-s|UTs on the basis of potential and ability norms being followed by the il Industry, subject to product availality. Accordingly, 1519 petrol|diesel tail oulets are included in the R.O arketing Plan for 1989-93 and 623 PG distributorships in the LPG Mar-ting Plan for 1992-94, or the coun-y Futlre marketing plans are under paration.

Agreement with Oman for supply of Natural Gas

180. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRA): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ND NAEURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently tered into an agreement with Oman for long term contract for the supply of naral gas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; id

(c) when the feasibility study is likely) be completed and the project taken up)r execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE IINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH HARMA): (a) and (b) The Principal 'erms o fthe Long Term Gas Supply 'ontract have been agreed with Oman.

(c) Phase II of the feasibility study is cheduled to be completed by July, 1995. 'he project will be taken up for execuion by the Oman Oil Company after the ong Term Gas Supply Contract is signed.

Procurement of 3.D seeismic equipment by Oil India Limited

181. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil India Limited (OIL) has decided to procure a three dimensional seismic equipment SN 368, which was manufactured in 1989, overlooking the recent technologically improved equipment for the same, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) is this 3-D seismic data supplied by M/s. C.G.G., France to Oil, being processed in the OIL's Research and Development Centre Duliajan;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for processing of the same data by OIL in CGG Pan India, a joint venture, in the data processing centre at Gurgaon:

(d) what is the rate of processing on per shot basis inclusive of test processing and quality control checks charged by Pan India to OIL and what is the international rate for the same; and

(e) whether there was any global tendering for such data processing by OIL; and if so, the details thereof furnishing the schedule of rates quoted by different parties in rupee or dollor terms per shot point?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRYMINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Due to reasons enumerated below, Oil India Limited decided to procure the entire 3-D Seismic Data Acquisiontion Package including the recording instrument, SN-368, after the completion of 3-D contract with CGG, France:

(i) According to OIL, SN-368 is a state-of-the-art technology cable telemetry system.

(ii) OIL Engineers were fully trained on this equipment during the period of contract;

(iii) The performance of the equipment was found to be very satisfactory with no breakdowns;

(iv) CGG, France agreed to supply spare for maintenance for at least 5 years and a maximum period of 8 years. CGG also agreed to provide 3 free servicings during the warranty period;